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1. On 20 October 1952, the barracks installation at the west exit of Hillersleben (M 53/Y 51) was only lightly occupied by individual officers and personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with tank insignia. Two T-34/85 tanks stood in front of a shed. Radio stations were noticed.

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2. On 20 October 1952, the barracks installation at the northeast exit of Hillersleben was only lightly occupied. The installation was guarded by sentries wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Eighty to 100 soldiers received field training and instruction on four guns in the north section of the installation. Eight young officers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and carrying bags were sent to the installation from the direction of Vahldorf. Trucks hauled potatoes to the installation from the direction of Meseberg.

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3. On 20 October, the large wood camp in Born and the wood camp south of Huetten as well as the Planken forest office were vacant except for small guard details. Individual officers and soldiers seen wore red-bordered black epaulets including some with artillery insignia. Two four-mast radio stations, 50 meters apart were seen north of the wood camp in Huetten. The parking lots of Camp Born were vacant. Trucks carrying personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets and towing 120-mm mortars proceeded in the direction of Hillersleben, coming from the direction of the wood camp in Born. They were followed by trucks which also carried personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets. the tanks from the camps were entrained in Hillersleben rather than Haldensleben.

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4. On 20 October, the hutment and tent camp south of Hottendorf were vacant except for small guard details wearing red-bordered black epaulets. The wooden structures were nailed shut and the tents had been removed except for the wooden frames which were still there. The small camp of bunkers, about 4 km south of Jaevenitz, was vacant. No guard personnel were seen. Source noticed between 18 and 20 small bunkers for about 6 to 8 soldiers in addition to 8 large bunkers he had seen previously. The small bunkers

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were interconnected by trenches. [ ] 25X1

5. On 9 October, the tent camp on either side of the Jaevnitz-Hottendorf road was removed. [ ] 25X1

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The lid of an ammunition box was found on the north edge of Letzling Heath in early October. [ ] 25X1

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7. Source determined in early October that the large wood camp in Born had been occupied for several months by a tank unit equipped with 5 tanks and 31 guns which came from the Alte Infanterie Kaserne in Bury (R 53/Y 61). Lieutenant Colonel Zamzov (Pna) was supply officer of this unit. 5 Another camp near this one included a "Grosses Lager" which quartered an artillery unit.

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1. [ ] Comment. The two barracks installations in Hillersleben were apparently only lightly occupied on 20 October 1952. The units believed stationed there were, however, no longer stationed in their quarters at Letzling Heath. See [ ] Comment 2 of the present report. It therefore appears not impossible that at least some of these units may have moved to Luedlinburg where, [ ] on 17 October, at least a mechanized regiment, possibly of the afore mentioned division, was stationed. [ ] 25X1

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2. [ ] Comment. The installations in the south section of Letzling Heath which quartered units of the 7th Gds Tank Div, the 18th Gds Recv Div and headquarters units of the Third Shock Army have been occupied only by guard details since 20 October 1952. Motor vehicles observed in this area belong to units of the Third Shock Army including units of the 19th Gds Recv Div, probably from Hillersleben.

3. Field Comment. On 20 October 1952, the wood camp south of Hottendorf no longer quartered units of the 207th Mtr Rifle Div except for guard details. Elements of this division were seen returning to Stendal on 13 October. [ ] 25X1

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5. [ ] Comment. [ ] refers to the 13th Gds Div Tank Bt of the Third Shock Army. [ ] Lieutenant Colonel Zamzov was previously reported [ ] as supply officer of this regiment. [ ] 25X1

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